

GLOSSARY

Terms/ Concepts/Acronyms	Definitions/Meanings	Use/Applicability
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	All project constructed with federal funds must meet ADA standards and specifications for construction.
Applicant	The entity submitting the application for Enhancement funding. The applicant may also be the sponsor of the project.	
CE	Categorical Exclusion – These are actions which do no induce significant impacts to planned growth or land use for the area; do not require relocation of significant numbers of people; do not have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, historic or other resources; do not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts; do not have significant impacts on travel patterns; and do not otherwise, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.	
Davis-Bacon Act (Requirement)	The payment of predetermined minimum wages on Federal-aid contracts. The law requires such contracts to specify minimum wages to be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics employed under the contract. The minimum wages must be based on the wages determined by the Secretary of Labor and be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on similar contracts in the city, town, village or other civil subdivision of the state in which the work is to be performed.	Determination of Wage Rate Applies to linked transportation projects and projects over \$2,000 that are physically located
DBE	Disadvantage Business Enterprise	Award recipients are strongly encouraged to seek out and do business with DBE's.
DEHNR	Department of Environment Health and Natural Resources	
EAC	Enhancement Advisory Council	Funding Selection Process
Eligible Expenses	Expenses incurred by the award recipient, which are subject to FHWA reimbursement.	
Environmental Documentation	A federal requirement that in some instances the applicant may be required to demonstrate that the project will not result in notable environmental effects. The applicant may be required to provide documentation, which addresses the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) Checklist. The checklist should be completed by a qualified professional.	
Fee-Simple	Private ownership of a real estate in which the owner has the right to control, use, and transfer the property at will.	Used in the context of ROW certification.
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration	Funding Agency/Regulator
Fully Funded	The applicant's total budget (as specified in the Call-for-Projects application) request was entirely approved and awarded by NCDOT.	
Historic Designation of property	A property <i>or district</i> determined eligible for or listed on The National Register of Historic Places. This determination is confirmed by SHPO.	These TE projects must be coordinated with SHPO

Linked Projects	Proximity or Impact to a Federal-aid highway Project. Without the Federal-aid highway the project would not exist)	
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization	Endorsement of Call for Projects Application Used to meet the public involvement requirement of FHWA regarding TE projects
Multi-Use Trail/ Greenway	An asphalt trail permitting more than one type of user, such as a trail designated for use by both pedestrian and bicyclist.	
PE	Preliminary Engineering	Includes cost for environmental documentation, design and preliminary hazardous waste testing – may be requested by Applicant/Sponsor
Pedestrian Path Pedestrian Path is not a term to be used in writing a project description.	This is a temporary or permanent area that typically indicates the common route taken by pedestrians between two locations and often indicates the need to provide a sidewalk or paved surface. A route along which people are intended to travel.	
Resolution	A formal statement of a decision or expression of opinion put before or adopted by an assembly or public body.	A signed and dated resolution must be included with your official application for enhancement funding.
ROW	Right-of -Way	
RPO	Rural Planning Organization	Endorsement of Call for Projects Application Used to meet the public involvement requirement of FHWA regarding TE projects
Scope of Services	All significant categories of services need to achieve the purpose as stated in your application.	
Scoping Meeting	A meeting held between TE staff and project sponsor for the purpose of clarifying and setting forth project roles responsibilities, due dates, expectations, project implementation schedule, ROW issues, environmental issues, monthly reporting of progress by award recipient, invoicing and related issues.	
Section 4(f)	A class of resources (historic properties, wildlife refuges, public parks and public recreation facilities) identified by FHWA, which must be avoided during the design of projects involving FHWA or DOT monies.	
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office	All projects which involves historic resources listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places must be coordinated and approved by this state agency.
Sidewalks	The portion of the highway designed for preferential or <u>exclusive use</u> by pedestrians. A five (5) foot wide paved area (typically concrete) which normally runs parallel to vehicular traffic and is separated from the road surface by curb and gutter and/or a ditch.	
Sponsor	The governmental entity that agrees to assume all regulatory, financial and administrative requirements associated with applying for and receiving Transportation Enhancement funds	

STP	Surface Transportation Program	
TE	Transportation Enhancement	
Tier I County	Economically distressed county. This determination is made annually by The Department of Commerce.	Local Cash Match Requirement Determination
Tier II County	Economically distressed county. This determination is made annually by The Department of Commerce.	Local Cash Match Requirement Determination
Trails/Greenway	A ten (10) foot wide asphalt path of travel for recreation and/or transportation within a park, natural environment, or designated corridor that is not classified as a highway, road, or street.	
Type I CE (Categorical Exclusion)	Project that does not require a written Categorical Exclusion Document. The Transportation Program Consultant makes this determination.	Environmental Documentation Requirement
Type II CE	Projects that require a written Categorical Exclusion Document signed by municipal sponsor, NCDOT and FHWA.	Environmental Documentation Requirement